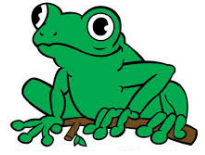


# Friends of Greenville Greenways



Updates from the Greenway



## Welcome Back Jill Twark

Jill Twark has once again taken the position of sole chair of FROGGS. Jill served as sole chair from 2005-2010 and co-chair with Hunt McKinnon from 2018-2020, who has recently resigned to focus on other obligations. FROGGS would like to thank Hunt McKinnon for his service and contributions to the Greenville greenways. Below, Jill has shared some thoughts and hopes for FROGGS.

### What made you want to help the FROGGS organization?

I believe strongly that citizens need to support their local Greenways by advocating for their construction, maintenance, and use. FROGGS helps the Recreation and Parks Department maintain Greenways by organizing regular cleanups. We also take in funds to place benches, picnic tables, gazebos, water fountains, wayfinding signs, and other amenities along the Greenway, making them more accessible and user-friendly.

### What are some of your responsibilities?

As FROGGS chair, I conduct monthly meetings at which the Board and other attendees discuss initiatives such as cleanups, maintenance of our Shade Garden near the Dog Park along the South Tar River Greenway, and the design and installation of educational markers, along with the amenities mentioned above. I also keep in touch with the Greenville Recreation and Parks Department to inform FROGGS members and social media followers of the progress of new greenways and parks under construction. I greatly enjoy working with ECU service-learning students to produce marketing materials such as this newsletter or updated FROGGS brochures and to provide information about the greenway at public events such as PirateFest.



### What does the FROGGS organization mean to you?

The FROGGS organization has provided its members, myself included, an opportunity to give back to the City and to see tangible improvements in our citizens' recreational options. I love volunteering for FROGGS because of the camaraderie I feel for our members and volunteers from all walks of life. Anyone can volunteer for FROGGS, because we have diverse opportunities for greenway maintenance and advocacy.

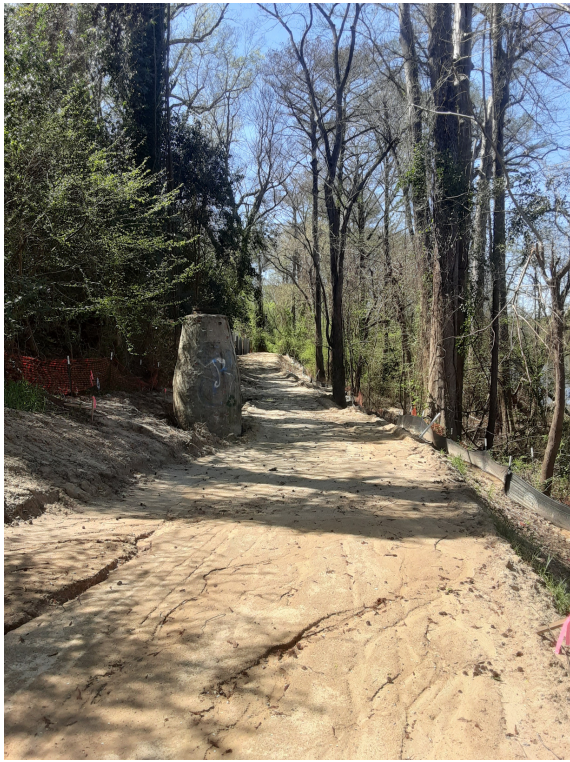
## Native American Kiosk

The Greenville Greenway has certainly changed in the last 20 years. Many new sections have been added changing the entire layout and look of the greenway system. However, as time passes the history of the Greenville area is something that should not be forgotten and FROGGS strives to preserve and protect its rich history.

A new addition to the Greenway, located just behind the amphitheater at the Town Common is the Native American information marker. This marker presents information regarding the Native American tribes who once inhabited the Greenville area as early as 11,500 years ago. These tribes relied on the resources of the Tar River to survive. Greenville is a hotspot for archeologists due to the large amount of Indian artifacts which are lying idle in riverbeds all around the Greenville area. Thank you to Dr. Randolph Daniel and The ECU Noon Rotary club for your assistance in the preservation of Greenville history.







## New Greenway Development

The Greenville greenway system consists of over 7 miles of paved paths which run adjacent to the Tar river and through many areas of the city of Greenville. At this time, new additions to the greenway are in development.

The upcoming addition to the greenway stretches west along the Tar River from the First Street Apartments at the Town Common all the way to the VA Hospital on Moye and is currently under construction. This construction will occur in two phases and extend the paved path by a substantial amount, making even more room to enjoy the beauty that Greenville has to offer. Although heavy rains have delayed construction somewhat, you can expect to be able to stroll down this freshly paved Greenway section towards the end of the summer.

## Greenway Cleanup Event

Volunteers from Pi Lambda Phi, the Kinesiology Graduate Student Organization of ECU, and FROGGS rallied together on March 6th to clean up the greenway. Together, *over 50 bags of trash* were gathered from various greenway sections.



*FROGGS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that fosters awareness of the importance of Greenways, advocates for their use, and solicits funding for their development and construction within the city of Greenville and the county of Pitt in North Carolina. All amenities, events, and improvements provided by FROGGS are donated and volunteer based.*